

Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 10, 2013  
One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA

**REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Braunstein, Lieberman, Warden, Feierbach, Wozniak

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Scoles, City Attorney Rennie, Finance Director Fil, Community Development Director de Melo, Information Technology Director Mitchell, Parks and Recreation Director Gervais, Public Works Director Oskoui, Human Resources Director Dino, Police Chief DeSmidt, Fire Chief Keefe, Deputy Fire Chief Gaffney, City Treasurer Violet, City Clerk Cook

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by the Belmont Police Honor Guard

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation to Dave Altscher, Outgoing Member of the Mid-Peninsula Water District**

Mayor Wozniak presented the Proclamation.

David Altscher thanked the City Council for taking the time to honor his service to the community.

City Councilmembers offered comments to Mr. Altscher.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lenore Griffin**, Belmont Chamber of Commerce, announced an upcoming ribbon cutting for the remodeling of Belmont Hardware, including the restoration of the historic sign.

**Mary Morrissey Parden**, Belmont Chamber of Commerce, presented a dining guide of Belmont restaurants.

**Kevin Sullivan**, Belmont resident, announced an upcoming Christmas bike ride, and thanked the Police Department for its assistance with logistics.

**Kate Comfort-Harr**, HIP Housing, presented the annual HIP Housing calendar featuring artwork by local students. She announced the organization's upcoming holiday party and thanked the City Council for supporting HIP programs.

**ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion to Receive Monthly Financial Reports**

**Ordinance 1074** Implementing Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (UPCCA)

**Resolution 2013-129** Declaring Results of the November 5, 2013 City Council Election

**Resolution 2013-130** Honoring Coraline Feierbach, Outgoing Councilmember, for Outstanding Public Service

**Resolution 2013-131** Honoring Dave Warden, Outgoing Councilmember, for Outstanding Public Service

**Resolution 2013-132** Accepting Work and Authorization to Issue a Notice of Substantial Completion for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project - Alameda de las Pulgas Sewer Main Reconstruction, City Contract Number 2013-521

**Resolution 2013-133** Authorizing a Purchase Order for Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel from Valley Oil for an Amount not to Exceed \$25,000

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Lieberman, seconded by Councilmember Braunstein, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Remarks by Outgoing Mayor**

Mayor Wozniak thanked outgoing Councilmembers Warden and Feierbach for their service, and congratulated the newly-elected councilmembers. She stated that Belmont is a safe place to live. She acknowledged City staff, businesses and schools. She commended the City for its recent acquisition of property in the San Juan Canyon and the rezoning of the property to open space. She thanked the IT (Information Technology) staff for facilitating the upcoming new City website. She commended the City's exclusive negotiating agreement for the Firehouse Square development. She pointed out that a number of new businesses have opened in Belmont. She acknowledged the Finance Department for increasing the ending fund balance and for facilitating the winding down of the Redevelopment Agency. She pointed out that the City has adopted green ordinances, and implemented a Wellness program. She stated that renovations have been made to many City facilities and parks. She acknowledged the establishment of the Four Corners Committee, the attention to High Speed Rail, and she thanked the Public Works staff for its facilitation of the Ralston Corridor study.

Mayor Wozniak acknowledged the passage of the school district's Measure R parcel tax, and congratulated the Little League team for its efforts during the past summer.

Mayor Wozniak challenged the new City Council to go paperless.

Councilmember Lieberman presented Mayor Wozniak with a plaque acknowledging her service.

### **Recognition of Outgoing Councilmembers Warden and Feierbach**

Mayor Wozniak presented a plaque to Councilmembers Warden and Feierbach. Public Works Director Oskoui presented street signs to the outgoing Councilmembers. City Clerk Cook presented Councilmember Feierbach with a personal "lock box", and Parks and Recreation Director Gervais announced that a bench overlooking the San Juan open space would be installed in honor of Councilmember Feierbach.

**Kathleen Beasley**, Belmont Library Manager, presented Councilmember Warden with an audiobook purchased in his honor and available for loan at the Library. She thanked him for his support of the new Library and for his service on the San Mateo County Library Board.

**Brian Perkins**, on behalf of Congresswoman Jackie Speier, presented a framed version of the Congressional Record recognizing Councilmembers Warden and Feierbach.

**State Senator Jerry Hill and San Mateo County Supervisor Carole Groom** presented proclamations honoring the outgoing Councilmembers.

Councilmembers Lieberman, Braunstein and Mayor Wozniak offered comments, acknowledgements, and commendations to outgoing Councilmembers Warden and Feierbach.

**Jeannette Sacco-Belli**, Belmont resident, thanked Councilmembers Warden and Feierbach for their efforts in preserving open space.

**Michael Schmitz**, San Mateo resident, expressed appreciation that residents were heard regarding the San Juan Canyon open space matter.

**Perry Kennan**, Belmont resident, noted that Councilmembers Warden and Feierbach exhibited much patience.

**Remarks by Outgoing Councilmember Feierbach**

Councilmember Feierbach thanked supporters, residents, staff and former staff, as well as past and present City Councilmembers with whom she served. She thanked the councilmembers who supported the smoking ordinance, Measure F, and the San Juan Canyon property acquisition. She acknowledged Councilmember Lieberman for his efforts with SBSA (South Bayside System Authority). She outlined initiatives and ordinances that were enacted to help improve the quality of life in Belmont. She expressed concerns regarding any undoing of ordinances already in place. She commented that the voices of the minority can become the voices of the majority.

**Remarks by Outgoing Councilmember Warden**

Councilmember Warden stated that his goal was to always look out for taxpayers' money. He noted that elected officials should weigh the needs of many versus the needs of few. He stated that everyone deserves to be heard. He explained that it is not always easy to make decisions, and one must be able to defend one's decisions. He thanked former City Councilmembers and commissioners with whom he served. He acknowledged his family for their support. He stated that he always did what he thought was best.

Councilmembers Feierbach and Warden stepped off the dais.

**Oath of Office of Newly Elected Councilmembers Reed, Stone, Lieberman**

The Oath of Office was administered to Eric Reed, Charles Stone, and Warren Lieberman.

**Remarks by Newly-installed Councilmember Reed**

Councilmember Reed thanked his family, those who helped with his election, the other candidates, and the voters. He pledged to work hard to earn their trust.

**Remarks by Newly-installed Councilmember Stone**

Councilmember Stone thanked the City Council, the residents, and his family. He stated that now is the time to unite. He noted that the future is bright and he encouraged citizens to be engaged.

**Remarks by Newly-reinstalled Councilmember Lieberman**

Councilmember Lieberman thanked his family and the other candidates. He acknowledged former City Treasurer Howard Mason and Former Finance Commissioner Bob Ledoux for encouraging him to become involved in the City. He noted that he is excited for the future, and he outlined issues that will be addressed in the future.

**Selection of Mayor for 2014**

Councilmember Braunstein nominated Councilmember Lieberman as Mayor. There were no other nominations.

**ACTION:** By unanimous vote, Resolution 2013-134 appointing Councilmember Lieberman as Mayor for 2014 was approved.

**Oath of Office for new Mayor**

The Oath of Office for Mayor was administered.

**Selection of Vice Mayor for 2014**

Councilmember Wozniak nominated Councilmember Braunstein as Vice Mayor. There were no other nominations.

**ACTION:** By unanimous vote, Resolution 2013-135 appointing Councilmember Braunstein as Vice Mayor for 2014 was approved.

**Remarks by New Mayor**

Mayor Lieberman pledged his support in helping the City Council succeed. He pointed out that the City Council will not always agree but will work respectfully together. He noted that he would like to work against divisiveness. He stated that this year's theme will be the year of working together. He recommended the reinstitution of subcommittees. He noted he would govern with the community's best interest in mind. He acknowledged the work of City staff.

**ADJOURN to Reception at this time, being 9:05 p.m.**

**Terri Cook  
City Clerk**

Meeting audio-recorded and videotaped

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